

FREDONIA

#1

"Winter 1900"

2 May 1964

EUROPE MOBILIZES!

With this first issue of FREDONIA, postal Diplomacy game 1964B gets under way. The players, their addresses, and the countries which they command in battle, are given on page 2. The Gamesmaster is John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218. (Phone: 212-HY 9-7686.) FREDONIA is available by 3rd-class mail to non-players at 10 issues for \$1. The deadline for the "Spring 1901" moves in 1964B is Saturday 23 May 1964. Players are given 3 weeks for diplomacy before the first move, and will have 2 weeks per move thereafter, as described in the rules of postal Diplomacy. (See GRAUSTARK #17.)

So that players may draw up their press releases with greater authenticity, the rulers and high officials of the combatant powers are given below. Their names appear in the following order:

Reigning monarch, age, and dynasty; Heir to the throne, age, and relationship to the monarch; Prime Minister; Minister of Foreign Affairs; War Minister; Navy Minister. (Note that France, as a republic, has a President rather than a hereditary monarch, and that according to the Ausgleich of 1866 Austria and Hungary have separate prime ministers though a common foreign and military policy.)

ENGLAND: King Edward VII, 59, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha; George, Prince of Wales, 35, son; Marquis of Salisbury; Marquis of Lansdowne; W. St. John Broderick; Earl of Selborne.

FRANCE: President Emile Loubet; --; Waldeck-Rousseau; Delcassé; Gen. André; de Lanessan.

GERMANY: Kaiser Wilhelm II, 42, Hohenzollern; Crown Prince Wilhelm, 18, son; Graf B. von Bülow; Baron Dr. von Richtofen; Graf B. von Bülow, Admiral von Tirpitz.

ITALY: King Vittorio-Emanuele III, 31, Savoia; Prince Emanuele, Duke of Aosta, 32, first cousin; G. Saracco; Marquis E. Visconti-Venosta; General Count C. Piazza di San Martino; Admiral C. Morin.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Kaiser Franz Josef I, 70, Habsburg-Lorraine; Archduke Franz Ferdinand, 37, grand-nephew; Dr. E. von Koerber (in Austria), Koloman von Szell von Duka and Szent-Györgyvölgye (in Hungary); Graf A. Goluchowski von Goluchowo; Baron E. von Krieghammer; Baron H. von Spaun.

RUSSIA: Tsar Nikolai II, 32, Romanov; Grand Duke Mikhail, 22, brother; J. N. Durnovo; Count Lamsdorf; Gen. Kuropatkin; Adm. Tyrtov.

TURKEY: Abdul Hamid I, Sultan, 58, Osman; Mohammed, 56, brother; Halil Rifat Pasha; Ahmed Tewfik Pasha; Riza Pasha; Hassan Pasha.

For further information on the dynasties and administrations of these and other nations, consult the Almanach de Gotha for the relevant years.

Other postal diplomacy bulletins, available at 10 issues for \$1:

GRAUSTARK, John Boardman, address above.

Ruritania, Dave McDaniel, 10629 Ayres, Los Angeles, Calif. 90064.

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The players in 1964B are:

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ITALY: John Koning, 318 South Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509, U. S. A.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: John W. Smythe Jr., 621 Prospect, Girard, Ohio, U. S. A.

RUSSIA: Dick Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Michigan 48234, U. S. A.

TURKEY: J. A. McCallum, Apt. 103, 155 Dorval Avenue, Dorval, P. Q., Canada

Country assignments were made, as always, by lot.

The names and entry fees of other entrants have been sent on to Dick Schultz, Gamesmaster of 1964C and editor of Brobdingnag. The country assignment in this game will be made soon, and announced in Brobdingnag #1.

Players who are new to postal Diplomacy may find helpful information on how to play their games by getting back issues of GRAUSTARK and Ruritania. In addition to these postal Diplomacy bulletins listed on p. 1, Diplomacy bulletins for the move-a-week games of the Los Angeles Science Fiction Society are published by Bruce Pelz, Box 100, 303 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, California 90024 and by E. Joseph Baker, 3056 1/2 Leeward Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005. Prices and availability of back issues of these bulletins are available on request.

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23 May 1964

GERMANS MOVE TO REPEL RUSSIAN INVASION

ENGLAND: F Lon-North Sea; F Edi-Norwegian Sea; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE: F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar-Pie.

GERMANY: A Mun-Sil; A Ber-Kie; F Kie-Den.

ITALY: F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA: F St.P-Bot; A War-Pru; A Mos-War; F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY: A Con-Bul; F Ank-Bla; A Smy-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible.

Change of address: Phil Castora, (England), 3056 $\frac{1}{2}$ Leeward Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is SATURDAY 6 JUNE 1964.

LONDON: His Majesty's Navy have been ordered to sea to make room for new fleets which are expected to be completed sometime this winter. The Army has been transported from the area around Liverpool to Scotland; the purpose of this maneuver cannot at this time be revealed. However, we would like to take this opportunity to scotch the ridiculous rumor that this was done in order that the quartermaster corps can order kilts for the men instead of trousers this summer, thus effecting a savings of material and money. This was strictly a secondary consideration. /s/ The Honourable the Marquis of Lansdowne, Foreign Minister.

ROME: The city is jubilant today for the first time since the assassination of King Humberto last winter. The occasion is the announcement by new Chief of Ministries Francesco Crispià that a peace treaty with France is soon to be announced. Coupled with the (admittedly watchful) peace pact made with Austria-Hungary this fall, Italy seems set for a long peace, despite the storm clouds which hang over most of Europe. Her armies are ever at her borders, however, and even now a fleet steams toward Greece to answer a plea for help. Only the future will tell the tale.

VIENNA: Today Dr. Sigmund Freud, Minister of Education and Public Information, announced the union of Austria-Hungary and Serbia. After a prolonged period of secret negotiations the two nations have just agreed to unite their destinies and form a greater Balkan State hereafter to be called Austria-Hungary-Serbia. Emperor Franz Joseph and the House of Habsburg will reign; Alexander I, King of Serbia, will become Alexander, Archduke of Serbia-Croatia, third in line of succession.

The new government requests the indulgence of her many friends and allies as the Empire struggles with the internal discord of birth. Emperor Franz Joseph proclaimed a state of national emergency and requested that the peoples of Europe do

not give refuge and succour to the enemies of the Empire.

The government realizes that the new State has made all maps obsolete; as a gesture of good will, Franz Ferdinand has offered to delineate the boundary of Austria-Hungary-Serbia so that errors will not precipitate a war. All Foreign Heads of State are requested, at their leisure, to send one map to the Archduke so that he may outline the sovereign lands of the Empire.

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BUDAPEST: At the announcement of the formation of the new nation the Hungarian Diet, led by György Károlyi, proclaimed dissolution of the Empire and declared Hungary to be a free and independent nation. On the same day the Diet ordered the Hungarian Landswehr to the borders.

The following days saw some severe clashes between the First Army Group and the rebels. Informants state that except for a few isolated bands the armed forces of the Spring Government have been destroyed and peace and civil authority restored to Hungary. The leaders of the short lived government have fled to a yet undisclosed refuge.

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Though Hungary appears quiet, Emperor Franz Joseph has proclaimed a state of national emergency, has ordered the complete mobilization of the Landswehr, and has issued warrants of arrest for all rebel sympathizers and Magyar Magnates.

PRAGUE: The Czechs remained quiet during the recent crises. The expected disorders did not materialize as the burghers remained in their homes.

VIENNA: Due to recent border violations and the attitude of the Italian Government, Austria is obliged to declare war against Italy.

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AUSTRIANS ENTER MUNICH; RUSSIANS BELLAGUER BERLIN

ENGLAND: F North Sea-Hol; A Edi-Norway; F Norwegian Sea C
A Edi-Norway.

FRANCE: A Bur-Bel; A Mar-Spa; F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY: A Sil-Ber; A Kie-Hol; F Den-Swe.

ITALY: A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Tus; F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr-Mun; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S RUSSIAN F Sev-Rum.

RUSSIA: F Bot-Bal; A War-Sil; A Pru S A War-Sil; F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY: F Ank-Bla; A Bul-Rum; A Smy-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers
now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edinburgh; Liverpool, London, Norway. (4)

FRANCE: Belgium, Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Spain. (5)

GERMANY: Berlin, Kiel, Sweden. (3)

ITALY: Naples, Rome, Trieste, Tunis, Venice. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapest, Greece, Munich, Serbia, Vienna. (5)

RUSSIA: Moscow, Rumania, Sevastopol, St. Petersburg,
Warsaw. (5)

TURKEY: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Smyrna. (4)

England, Russia, and Turkey may each establish one new unit.

France, Italy, and Austria-Hungary may each establish two new
units. If these assignments of new units are delivered to the
Gamesmaster by IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL, the "Winter 1901"
issue of FREDONIA will be published on 12 June. Otherwise, pub-
lication will have to wait until 6 July, when the Gamesmaster
will have returned.

ROME: Looking haggard and shaken, Chief of
Ministries Francesco Crispi emerged from a long
conference with King Victor Ammanuele today. The
Minister declined to comment on the recently at-
tempted invasion of Piedmont by the French, and on
the Austrian declaration of war. He was heard to
mutter, however, as he entered his private coach,
"France and Austria are our friends. Hah! I worry
less about our enemies."

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Phil Castora reports that Ed Baker's Diplomacy
magazine 2¹/₂ folded after three issues. The Witdip
game was abandoned by mutual consent in "Fall 1907",
but Worldip is still available from Bruce Pelz, 1231
2th St., Santa Monica, Calif. The latest issue, "Spring 1912",
is dated 14 May 1964.

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FOUR POWERS MANEUVER FOR CONTROL OF BALKANS

VIENNA: The people of Austria are delirious with joy over the decisive victory in Bohemia and the route of the Turkish armies in Wallachia and the Iron Gate. Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorff's smashing offensive completely removed the stain of the Seven Weeks' War from the Arms of the House of Habsburg and Austria.

In Munich, Archduke Franz Ferdinand personally awarded the Order of the Golden Fleece to Marshal Hotzendorff and promoted him to Grand Marshal of the Empire and Austria. The Grand Marshal, in his acceptance speech, declared that the Armies' North will continue the destruction of the infamous Junker and the Empire's enemies.

BELGRAD: Marshal Putnik's brilliant campaign in the Iron Gate and his able assistance to the Crown Prince's conquest of Wallachia has inspired Serbian and Hungarian alike. Remembering past atrocities and indignities, the First Serbian Army, equipping at Budapest, awaits its opportunity to bloody the Turk.

ATHENS: The Imperial Fleet made its annual fall visit to this ancient and historic land. Though annoyed by a few unknown motor torpedo boats, they were so boring that they were ordered destroyed, the grand fleet sailed quietly into Athens to the cheers of the populace.

At the request of good King George, the 1st Brigade of the First Division Imperial Marines was ordered ashore; the fleet and marines have been ordered to prevent the violation of Greece's sovereignty by a foreign power.

TRIEST: The Emperor Franz Joseph commented on the large body guard brought to the conference by Emperor Victor Emmanuel to the effect that next time he (Franz Joseph) would bring the whole of the Austrian Imperial Army.

ISTANBUL (excerpt from a letter by a Scottish tourist):
"That supplying kilts instead of trousers will result in a saving of material - don't let Ethel Lindsay see it or there will be a hoot of derision. Hoot, mon, there is at least a half dozen yards of material in a kilt. With the pleats taken out it can be used as a blanket."

During Winter 1901 the following new units were established:

ENGLAND: Fleet in Edinburgh.

FRANCE: No move received; no new units may be established until Winter 1902.

ITALY: Fleets in Naples and Rome

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Armies in Vienna and Budapest.

RUSSIA: Fleet in Sebastopol.

TURKEY: Fleet in Constantinople.

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LAKE LUCKS OUT

Owing to the heap of mail which I found upon my return from Texas, the publication of FREDONIA #4 was delayed by a day. This permitted Robert Lake's new unit assignments for France to come in before publication. They are: Armies in Paris and Marseilles.

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GRAUSTARK, John Boardman, 592 16th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218
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Worldip, Bruce Pelz, Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles,
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 All bulletins are 10 issues for \$1.

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ST. PETERSBURG (Reuters)- In a new directive, the Tsarist government made public its latest rationing measures, and a revision of the Land Distribution Laws of 1897.

Effected under the new acts are all leather goods, all cloths, all gold and silver, all fats, including butter, and those grains and grain products previously unaffected, including sunflower and sesame seeds and their oils.

Sugar is expected to be rationed next, along with sheep and horse meat products, and all dairy products not already rationed.

Eventually the rationing program is supposed to give every citizen enough for optimum efficiency, and give each soldier a daily caloric intake of at least 3100 a day.

At present this means that no one has butter in their shop, and that even dogmeat is now rationed. Many are complaining of this strictness. They feel that the War will soon be over. The Tsarist government evidently feels quite otherwise. And in any case is preparing for a war of many years tenure.

At that the Russian rationing is not as strict as that already in effect in Germany. With the rationing, and another good harvest like the 1900 one, Russia is expected to have an immense bargaining club for use in any future diplomatic discussions in Europe.

The new Land Distribution amendment (#19) put into effect today simply legalizes what is already fact in most of Russia today. That is, the parcelling out of untilled land, communal land and absentee landlord land to individual families by the Zemstvo (county) and village authorities.

KIEV, UKRAINIA (UP)- In the first elections to the Ukrainian Presidency Duma, the Cadets (Liberal) Party came out well ahead of both the Worker's Social Democrat and the Constitutional Democratic Party. Out of 202 seats in both houses of the Ukrainian Duma, the Cadets gained 58 in the Council and 35 in the Union. The newly created Workers & Peasant's Party carried the Donets region, surprising all the experts, and completely dominating the Zemstvo councils in this industrial region.

Despite the State Of War Laws and the presence of the I Army Group in the western Ukraine, the elections were relatively uneventful. In view of the quietness of this election, and the pro-Czarist nature of the Cadets and Socialist Democratic People's Party, the proposed elections in the White-Russian Presidency will probably go off as per schedule.

The Menshevik's, or Worker's Social Democratic Party, are expected to win a slight majority in the White Russian Duma, with strongest opposition from the Cadets and Social Revolutionary Party.

The Ukrainian elections took place on the 11th anniversary of the legalization of the labor unions and political parties by the first Duma, in 1890.

KALININ (UP)- Fierce words were shouted by Worker's Social Democratic Party head Plekhenanov last night. The occasion was the by-election for the Duma Council seat vacated here by the death of Count Magnitsky.

Before an estimated 9,000 workers, Plekhenanov attacked the Bolshevik, or Social Democratic Party, for living in the past and embracing the policy of violent overthrow of a system of government which had already passed away.

He called the head of the Bolsheviks, Vladimir Ulianov Lenin a rabble-rousing bomb-thrower, still living in the era of Alexander II, unable to realize that the time of violent revolution had passed when the proletariat was given a chance to socialize the government by peaceful means, back in 1889.

Plekhenenov said that the day of the reactionary and radical are both past. He then called for a vote of confidence for the Menshevik policy of gradual socialization by voting for the Menshevik candidate, K. Zaporogna. He also added that it would be a patriotic vote as well, making an allusion to Lenin's avowal that this war was not a good one for Russia to get itself into.

Experts however state that Krasin, the Bolshevik candidate, was a sure winner in the by-election.

ST. PETERSBURG (Alan Moore, NYTimes)- This afternoon ended the last of the executions growing from the famous popularly termed "Nobility Trials".

Exactly thirty-three people were executed, 27 were freed and 88 given sentences ranging from 1-year's probation to 99 years of hard labor.

Though for the most part unrelated, the spectacle of so many high and low people being tried in the same period of time created an impression of cohesion of purpose. Even though the trials were held for offences ranging from wanton destruction of government property to selling military secrets to the enemy (undisclosed) and including the creation of monopolies and illicit granting of military contracts.

Under the State Of War Laws, all of these are punishable by death. It is probably the greatest single blow made against bureaucratic graft in the Russian armed forces in over three centuries.

The executions took place against the north wall of Preobrazhensky Guards Barracks courtyard and were performed by masked squads of Guards and Special Police details.

Most of the condemned had nothing to say, and most refused the black silk blindfold. But not all. One minor bureaucratic secretary by the name of Protopopov cried and moaned for his mother until silenced by a volley. Another, a seditious monk by the name of Gregory Rasputin, threatened the wrath of God upon the firing squad and the masked Colonel in command. He survived the first volley and three bullets in the head as a coup de grace and had to be finished by a second volley by another squad, the first refusing to fire again.

Amongst those executed were the ex-Chief of the Secret Police Plehve. Plehve was still in charge of the Moscow Police District and had arrested four others already under the State of War Laws when a squad of soldiers intercepted him on the way to arrest a certain N. Maklakov in the Office of the Interior. A police squad executed him for the anti-Jewish pogroms he had organized the year before.

Also executed was the head of the War Ministry, General Kuropatkin, and his friend, Admiral Alexeiev, en route to take up his new command of the Far East Coast area, including Manchuria. Among other military notables executed was General Stössel, General Rennenkampf, General Artamonov, Captain Myasoyedov of Intelligence and Sabler, an important personage in the War Ministry. Various nobles and diplomats executed were Economic Staff head Sturmer, diplomat Badmayev, courtier Bezobrazov, police commissioners Trepov and Komisarov, P. Durnovo of the Ministry of the Interior, Sukhomlinov, N. Maklakov, Shcheglovitov all of the Foreign office and Goremykin, minister of supply.

One observer noted that they were all noted reactionaries.

UMAN, UKRANIA (INP)- Grand Duke Nicholas today pitched his tent in the provincial Imperial Hotel today and proclaimed that the Guards Army was already forming along the line of the River Pruth.

Though he did not say so, it was obvious that the rest of the I Army Group (1st White Russian Army, 5th Ukrainian Army, 6th Russian Army) is forming behind the Pruth. He declined to comment as to the existence of a Russian ultimatum to Turkey to withdraw from Bulgaria.